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Mega Load Scheduled To Travel From Haralson to Bartow County Thursday Night

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – A mega load is scheduled to begin a trip from the Alabama State line to Plant Bowen in Euahlee, Georgia at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2016.

The 216-foot long, 22-foot-3-inch wide and 15-foot-10-inch tall rig mega load will enter Georgia from Alabama on Interstate 20 East and stop at the Welcome Center in Tallapoosa where the Georgia State Patrol will inspect it. The 527,000 pound boiler load will resume its trip around 8:00 p.m. on Thursday night on I-20 East, to GA 61 North, onto GA 101/113 North. The supersized load will then travel on US 278 to State Route 113 North, Covered Bridge Road to its final destination at the Plant Bowen on Old Stilesboro Road in Euahlee, just outside of Cartersville, GA.

Two Georgia State Patrol officers with blue lights and marked cars will accompany the load to pace traffic when so warranted by the traffic control movement plan. Night traffic on Thursday night in this part of the Northwest Georgia region will be impacted, slowed or even stopped at some points due to the excessive size of this extremely oversized load. Normal travel speed is 45 mph but it slows to 5 mph when crossing certain bridge structures. Narrow bridge locations will require escorts to restrict the passing of other vehicles, while the permit vehicle is crossing.

DriveAlert ArriveAlive campaign calls attention to an alarming increase in roadway fatalities across Georgia, many resulting from preventable crashes and distracted driving. **DriveAlert ArriveAlive** implores motorists to buckle up; stay off the phone and no texting; and drive alert. Visit www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/DAAA. #ArriveAliveGA For information on the Department of Transportation, visit <http://www.dot.ga.gov>. You also may follow us on (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and *Twitter* (<https://twitter.com/GDOTNW>).

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